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Cast members rehearse for a musical, written and produced by Regent Park residents, that tells the story of the neighbourhood's transition from public housing to a thriving community. Story, metroNEWS. LINDA MARIE/FLICKR

Asian students ponder suicide

IMMIGRATION

Many coping with isolation and cultural barriers: Study

Ayato Inamori immigrated to Toronto from Taiwan with his parents two years ago and was placed at an alternative high school in the middle of the school year.

With little English, the then-18-year-old started in the English as a Second Language class. Over the next two years, he took math, guitar, music and gym — and made only two friends, both Mandarin-speaking students from China.

"It's not easy to make friends. I was in classes with others younger than me. My English is still a barrier, and it's difficult for me to understand my Canadian classmates," said Inamori, now 20.

"I feel kind of lost. I don't want to hang out with anyone. I just avoid people. And I'd thought about committing suicide at one point."

19%

Of the Asian youth surveyed, 19 per cent said they have felt they'd be better off dead, while 12 per cent seriously considered suicide.

According to a recent report by Toronto's Mental Health Association, 19 per cent of Asian youth surveyed — the majority first-generation immigrants — said they felt at times over the past year they'd be better off dead, while 12 per cent had seriously considered suicide.

The nine-month study, which surveyed 163 youths in the GTA from the Chinese, South Asian, Cambodian, Korean, Filipino and Vietnamese communities, identified social exclusion, poor communication with parents, lack of coping skills and stress from pursuing academic excellence as mental-health challenges faced by this group.

"The ESL youths surveyed spoke at length about the social isolation they experienced as a result of language and cultural barriers. They were unable to make friends or have any meaningful relationships," said Helen Poon, the report's lead author.

"They had little communication with their parents. There's no outlet for them to share their experience. When they had problems, they didn't talk about them. It just sets them up for failure."

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CBC news chief laments affairs of TV journalism

MEDIA

Evan Solomon just the latest personality to find scandal

A raft of ethical lapses by journalists has the editor-in-chief of CBC News calling on members of the profession to clean up their act.

Jennifer McGuire bemoaned the state of the industry in a message to staff Wednesday, a day after the public broadcaster fired CBC News Network personality Evan Solomon over conflict-of-interest allegations.

While detailing the circumstances of Solomon's ouster, McGuire cited a recent LinkedIn article by Al Jazeera America journalist Ali Velshi which chastised TV news for "shooting itself in the foot."

"It's time for every single professional journalist and media organization to stop providing ammunition," McGuire said in the memo.

Some people have questioned the integrity of CBC's news, McGuire continued, "and that of CTV, Global, NBC and ABC."

Nearly all of the major networks have weathered a media scandal of some sort in recent months.

Bell Media parted ways with its president Kevin Crull after he admitted to trying to influence how subsidiary CTV covered a news story. Global News anchor Leslie Roberts resigned after reports he co-owned a public relations company, and that some of the firm's clients appeared on his morning show.

Over on the U.S. networks, NBC news anchor Brian Williams was suspended after exaggerating about his experiences as a reporter, and ABC's George Stephanopoulos admitted to donating substantial sums to the Clinton Foundation, casting doubt on his ability to offer impartial coverage of Hillary Clinton's presidential race.

In firing Solomon, McGuire said the Power & Politics host failed to meet the "very highest standard of journalistic conduct and ethics."

"A decision like this is never pleasant," she said of parting ways with the prominent personality, previously considered a possible successor to Peter Mansbridge on The National.

"Yesterday, we took the steps necessary to protect the integrity of our colleagues and the service we provide to Canadians. Going forward, we will continue to convey that message, clearly and proudly."

The firing came in the wake of a Toronto Star report that alleged the 47-year-old broadcaster secretly brokered lucrative art sales to wealthy contacts he also approached for interviews.

Solomon has said he never intentionally used his CBC position to secure deals.

McGuire offered few specifics about Solomon's dismissal but said the decision to cut ties was made shortly before the Star piece was published.

She said Solomon disclosed in April that he and his wife owned a production company that had a business partnership with an art dealer, but "he assured us, this could not conflict in any way with his work for CBC News."

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Evan Solomon was fired from the CBC for broking art deals on the side.

COURTESY CBC

POLITICIANS DISAPPOINTED BY SOLOMON SCANDAL

Discredited marquee CBC host Evan Solomon hunkered down inside his Ottawa home Wednesday refusing to answer the door or media questions.

Solomon, fired Tuesday for violating corporation polices by brokering art deals that earned him, in at least one case, commissions in excess of $300,000, did wave at a Star reporter from his kitchen and gave a thumbs up.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau hesitated to comment but added he had not bought art from the Ottawa-based host of Power and Politics.

A postal carrier delivers mail to the Ottawa home of Evan Solomon on Wednesday.

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NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair said it was "purely an internal matter for the CBC to deal with. I have no information about the details."

Toronto MPP Adam Vaughan, a former television reporter, was disappointed that someone he has known for years had not understood that brokering arts deals with people he interviewed would be seen as a conflict by CBC brass and the public.

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TWITTER

'Other' Evan finds humour in firing

Don't bother tweeting @evansolomon to ask about the journalist's dismissal from CBC.

If you get a reply at all, it will be something like this:

"The Canadian version of me got fired from his job as a TV anchor for selling art, and I don't understand anything."

That's because @evansolomon belongs to Evan Solomon, 30, in San Francisco, who's a techie, not a broadcast personality.

That said, he's having fun with his newfound, sort of, celebrity.

"If any Canadian journalists want a statement about @evansolomoncbc getting fired, I recommend dm'ing me w/o realizing you have the wrong guy," he tweeted.

He described Wednesday as his "Day in the life of an accidental Canadian celebrity."

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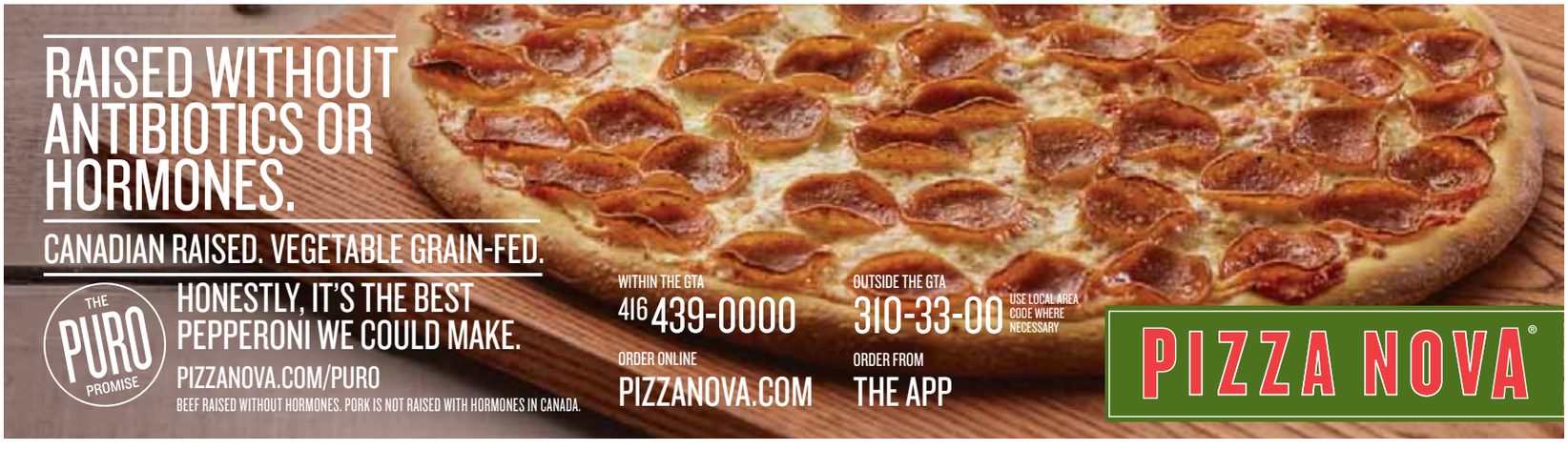

Positive signs for Games housing

ATHLETE'S VILLAGE

Most units are sold, will be converted after Pan Am event

Rebecca Joseph
For Metro | Toronto

Toronto's Pan Am Games Athletes' Village won't be following in the footsteps of Vancouver's Olympic Village, according to local realtors.

The buildings being used to house competitors in the upcoming Games are slated to be converted into residential condos, a YMCA, a student residence at George Brown College, and affordable housing after the games are over.

But unlike Vancouver's Olympic Village in 2010, most of the real estate in Toronto is already spoken for.

According to Canary District sales representative Helen Hogan, 90 per cent of the units in one building are sold, as well as 60 per cent of units in the second one.

"They learned from some of the mistakes from Vancouver and other cities that have done similar things," said Re/Max Condos Plus representative Andrew la Fleur.

"It's a much smaller scale than Vancouver, in terms of the number of units we're talking about."

Another the major difference is the way the buildings were designed.

The Pan Am structures were completed in February, but the interiors are bare bones. The buildings will be retrofitted into condos after the games are complete.

"The situation (in Vancouver) was totally different," Hogan said.

"The developer had finished all the interiors and as I understand it, the athletes stayed in it and there was a lot of damage."

COMPARISON

Vancouver's Olympic Athletes' Village:
- Over 1000 condos, with 250 affordable units
- With a community centre, daycare, retail
- Over $1-billion cost
- About 30 per cent of condo units sold by start of the 2010 Olympics

Toronto's Pan Am Games Athletes' Village:
- 810 condos, with 100 affordable units
- With a YCMA, a George Brown College student residence, retail, affordable rental units
- $709-million cost
- About 90 per cent of units in one building sold, and 60 per cent of units in second building sold

The Pan Am Games Athletes' Village is located in the West Don Lands area of Toronto.

SEVERE WEATHER STROLLIN' IN THE RAIN Environment Canada issued a severe weather warning for Toronto on Wednesday, as torrential rains and heavy winds buffeted the city. These two commuters on Yonge Street wisely thought to bring an umbrella. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

IN BRIEF

SIU investigating death

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is investigating the death of a 50-year-old man in Toronto early Wednesday morning.

Around 5:15 a.m., Toronto police were called to a residence on Balliol St., after receiving a call for a suicidal man. Police knocked on the door, then heard a gunshot from inside the building.

Officers were let in to the building, where they discovered a man dead in a bedroom.

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Toronto students in bus accident in U.S.

A New Jersey transit bus rear-ended a tour bus carrying Canadian students inside the Lincoln Tunnel on Wednesday morning, injuring more than 30 people and slowing traffic on one of the busiest routes entering and leaving New York City, authorities said.

None of the 26 students and two adults from the Toronto school were hurt, according to Anna Caputo, spokeswoman for the Toronto District School Board.

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Get camera ready

Most people tend to put their cameras away after the sun goes down, but sometimes the most magical moments happen when you are sitting on the dock and the night is setting. There's no magic recipe for nighttime photography, but there are a few easy tips you can remember that will come in handy whenever you want to capture great images in low light.

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GO STEADY

Your biggest enemy is camera shake. The best solution for unsteady hands is a good tripod, even just a small one that you can set up on a flat surface. If you must shoot hand-held, turn on any image stabilization technology your lens or camera offers, and hold the camera up to your eye with a steady, but relaxed grip. Breathe slowly and squeeze the shutter gently at the apex of your breath. Consider leaning against a nearby wall or pole for a little extra help.

Focal length (the amount of zoom) makes a big difference because camera shake is exaggerated the more in which you zoom. Use the wider end of your zoom lens when shooting without stabilization at night.

CRANK IT UP

Your camera will generally try to keep ISO as low as possible because high ISO can lead to ugly image "noise" (speckles of false colour that show up throughout the image, but especially in shadow areas).

However, most new cameras can actually produce clean images at ISO settings a bit higher than the auto-ISO cut-off, so consider cranking the ISO up to 3200 or even 6400. You might be surprised how great the images look, and the high ISO setting will make it easier to shoot in the dark.

DIAL IT DOWN

This might sound counterintuitive, but set your camera's exposure value (EV) dial to –1. Why would you want to tell your camera to make a low light picture look darker than normal? Simply put, a camera's light meter is programed to be very reluctant to let anything appear too light or too dark. Instead, it tries to produce an exposure that renders as much of the scene in a middle tone. This is usually a useful trick, but to really capture a dramatic and moody nighttime scene you will want to outsmart your light meter a bit and let the tones slide down the scale a bit.

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The new Nikon D750 DSLR is being heralded as one of the best new cameras of its generation. With a massive 24.3-megapixel full frame sensor and Nikon's latest Expeed processor, this rugged shooter can capture stunningly detailed and crisp images in even the most challenging low-light environment.

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE ROYAL YORK HOTEL

The historic hotel turns 86 this week

CHRIS BATEMAN FOR METRO

When the Fairmont Royal York opened its doors 86 years ago this week, it was the largest and arguably the most luxurious place to stay in the British Commonwealth.

It cost Canadian Pacific $16 million in 1929 to erect the 1,216-room "city within a city" on Front St., the latest in a chain of railway hotels that included the Banff Springs in B.C. and Chateau Frontenac in Quebec.

The Royal York had 18 dining rooms, a concert hall with an enormous pipe organ, a 12,000-book library, a ballroom, a rooftop garden that seated 315 guests, and it was the preferred accommodation for visiting monarchs.

Expanded in 1959 to 1,616 rooms, it claimed the title of largest hotel in the Commonwealth for the second time in its long history.

1 The hotel was built on a zoo

Harry Piper's menagerie at the northwest corner of York and Front streets must have been a sight to see. No pictures survive but the zoological gardens, which opened in 1881, housed a caged tiger, leopard, and brown bear named Peter the Great, among other animals. The principal attraction, however, was a very large (and very dead) whale. When it washed up on a Nova Scotia beach, Piper had it encased in ice and shipped to Toronto, where paying customers could pose for photos inside its titanic maw. Piper St. behind the Royal York is a reference to the strange, short-lived business.

2 It was once the tallest building in Toronto

When builders topped off the 134-metre, 28-storey Royal York Hotel in 1928, the top floor provided uninterrupted, panoramic views of downtown Toronto and Lake Ontario. The former headquarters of the Toronto Star at King and Bay, Old City Hall, the Canadian Pacific Building, and the Sterling Tower were the closest contenders in terms of height. The title didn't stay with the Royal York for long. The headquarters of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the 141-metre tower now known as Commerce Court North, trumped it in 1931.

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3 It used to have a vacuum tube mail system

The Royal York was packed with state-of-the-art technology when it opened. The internal telephone system consisted of 1,300 handsets (one in each room), 80 trunk lines, and three separate exchanges staffed by a total of 26 operators. Room service calls were routed to a special receiving station in the main kitchen. Like many buildings of the era, including the Empire State Building, the grand hotel also came with an internal pneumatic mail system. To send a letter, guests simply deposited their envelopes in the nearest hallway vacuum chute. Mail was sucked in canisters to the central mail room for delivery. There was even a pair of underground mail pipes that went from the Royal York to the Canadian Pacific offices at King and Yonge.

4 Its name was nearly lost from the famous rooftop sign

A bright red neon sign has graced the upper floors of the Royal York Hotel since the 1950s, but it was almost taken down in 2003 when Canadian Pacific Hotels purchased and took on the name of rival operator, Fairmont. The words "Royal York" were due to be replaced by a sign that read just "Fairmont," but a public outcry prompted management to temporarily walk back their plans. In the end, a compromise was reached, and today the sign reads "Fairmont Royal York."

5 The Imperial Room used to be the hottest nightclub in the country

Ray Charles, Eartha Kitt, Tina Turner, Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington, Liberace — the list of stars who played the Imperial Room at the Royal York is practically endless. The club was in its heyday in the 1960s, '70s, and '80s under the watchful eye of famed maitre d'hotel, Louis Jannetta, who served presidents, prime ministers, and other prominent guests in the palatial room. Getting in was sometimes difficult even for bona fide stars. Bob Dylan was famously turned away by Jannetta in December 1986 because he wasn't wearing a jacket and tie. (The maitre d' eventually relented after the manager of country music star Tanya Tucker intervened.)

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CRUNCH TIME FOR GARDINER

Some hesitant councillors now support Tory's plan

Mayor John Tory seems poised to narrowly win his bid to keep up the existing east Gardiner Expressway thanks to a carefully crafted motion that has wooed a couple of fence-sitters.

Facing a council split between his "hybrid" option and a cheaper rival plan to replace the 2.4-kilometre span with a ground-level eight-lane boulevard, Tory lumped together three options — maintaining as it is, removal or his real choice of hybrid — and council will vote until one gets a majority.

He has won over undecided Councillor Jim Karygiannis to the hybrid side with a clause that asks city staff to report back on tunnelling instead. Councillor John Campbell said he is satisfied by another directive to look at realigning the Gardiner's path to the Don Valley Parkway.

Councillor Pam McConnell, who represents the area, was near tears as she told councillors they are poised to kill more than a decade of waterfront planning and a new neighbourhood.

"Now it's being destroyed because we rushed it … instead of looking at the facts and the truth," McConnell told reporters, adding she expects court challenges from local landowners. Council should find consensus rather than decide a huge vote, for either option, by a vote or two, she added.

Tory had previously dismissed the tunnel option, noting city staff rule it out for reasons including a whopping $2.5-billion price tag.

But Karygiannis said he believes the mayor will listen if city staff now deem a tunnel "a viable option." He envisions a public-private partnership (P3) yielding a tolled tunnel with no construction costs for the city.

Tory also put forward a motion Wednesday to repair and maintain the Gardiner as-is — a pricey option known not to be the mayor's favourite, but one which is supported by Councillor Rob Ford.

The mayor seemed unfazed by the criticism of his tactics — that his tunnel and maintain options were "fakes" — arguing the hybrid is best for Toronto and "I'm about making the city stronger and fairer."

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Howard Goodman. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EDUCATION

Former trustee acquitted, honoured

Moments after Howard Goodman was cleared of criminal harassment and forcible confinement charges, it was announced he'd won an award for "outstanding service" by Ontario school boards.

Goodman is being awarded the "Dr. Harry Paikin Award of Merit for outstanding service as public school trustee" by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, a distinction made public after a courtroom heard there was no prospect of a conviction on the two charges.

Crown attorney Anna Stanford described the former Toronto trustee's behaviour as "inappropriate" and "overly aggressive" — but not criminal.

Charges were laid against Goodman last November after alleged incidents involving Donna Quan, director of education for the Toronto District School Board, that began in September 2013. He did not run for re-election last fall.

In an email obtained by the Star, sent to supporters after Wednesday's court appearance, Goodman said it "has been a tough seven months" for him and his family, and he thanked them for their help that "kept us positive in some of our darker moments."

Goodman was the trustee for Eglinton-Lawrence for more than a decade, and his lawyer, Mark Sandler, told court that "as a trustee, he insisted on honesty, transparency and accountability from all (board) staff, including… Quan, not only in relation to her undisclosed employment contract but on a number of issues. He was undoubtedly a 'thorn in her side.'"

The confinement charge stems from a confrontation in Quan's office in January 2014, after Goodman was upset to learn an audit committee meeting had been postponed.

"There was no credible evidence that Mr. Goodman ever prevented or attempted to prevent Ms. Quan from leaving," Sandler said in his written comments provided to the Star.

Sandler also said the charges, which came months later, deflected attention and "silenced an important voice, when it was important that that voice be heard."

Relations had indeed been strained between Goodman and the director; on a few occasions, he wrote letters of apology to Quan and senior staff following heated exchanges.

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Canada's top stars absent from Games

TENNIS

Bouchard, Raonic will be missing from Pan Am courts

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

No Milos Raonic. No Eugenie Bouchard. No Daniel Nestor. And no Vasek Pospisil, either.

Those are just some of the famous names in Canadian tennis who won't be serving it up in Toronto for the Pan Am Games.

Tennis Canada and the Canadian Olympic Committee on Tuesday announced the six players that will represent the country at the summer showdown.

Some in local tennis circles found the list wanting.

"I am disappointed our big names will not be participating," said Alan Maguire of Tennis Toronto. "We should include all our strong players."

Françoise Abanda, Gabriela Dabrowski and Sharon Finchman will represent Canada for the female side. The men competing are Philip Bester, Peter Polansky and Brayden Schnur.

At world No. 122, Polansky is the highest-ranked member of the team. Tennis Canada said scheduling was a problem: top professionals would have had to miss big international tournaments. For example, the Pan Am Games will start during Wimbledon, at which both Bouchard and Raonic will play.

"We have named a strong team to the Pan Am Games and believe they will contend for medals," Hatem McDadi, senior vice-president of Tennis Canada, said in a statement.

"It's just bad timing, but it would have been nice to have our big stars at the competition," said Sonja Zibin of the InterCounty Tennis Association.

Eugenie Bouchard is among the big names in Canadian tennis who will be absent from the Pan Am Games. PAUL CROCK/AFP

DONATIONS

'Charity' still wants your money

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

If someone comes knocking at your door asking for donations for the "Opportunities for the Disabled Foundation," be careful — they're not actually a charity.

The Canada Revenue Agency revoked the group's charitable status in 2014 after an audit revealed the group did very little charitable work and paid its directors excessively.

Metro discovered and reported the same problems in an investigative report in 2013.

The CRA revoked the charity's status based on a 2010 audit that found the organization had spent only $7,143 on charitable work, little more than one per cent of its $571,980 in revenue. Most of the money raised was spent as "fundraising costs" that included huge commissions paid to the directors.

Opportunities for the Disabled Foundation has canvassed door-to-door in cities across Canada for years and has recruited canvassers in Toronto as recently as May — more than a year after its charitable status was revoked.

> **We realized it wasn't exactly a legit thing.**
> Laura Beauchesne

The job posting tell applicants they will go door-to-door and to malls, "requesting donations for tax receipt."

However, with its status revoked, it cannot legally offer charitable-donation receipts.

Opportunities for the Disabled Foundation also raises money through chocolate sales. Representatives leave branded boxes with retailers.

Laura Beauchesne, a spokeswoman for Beau's Brewery in Vankleek Hill, said the brewery received a box in January and sold most of the chocolate before they realized something was amiss.

"We looked it up online and realized it wasn't exactly a legit thing," she said. "But at that point, most of the box had already been sold."

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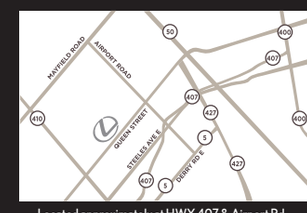

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City loses its eye in the sky

For the past two years, Robert MacFarlane has been operating a crane at the L Tower development and posting pictures of the city on Instagram and Twitter, from more than 50 storeys up. Already a social media star, MacFarlane made headlines in April when he captured a shot of a high-flying raccoon. On Tuesday, however, he announced he'd quit his job. The L Tower isn't done yet, and MacFarlane didn't say why he quit — only that he's looking for work. When he announced his resignation on Twitter, praise came pouring in from his followers who've enjoyed his photography.

JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO

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ANIMAL RIGHTS

Indoor fishing hole ignites backlash

A much-touted indoor fishing event in Toronto has hit a snag.

Animal rights activists are up in arms about Scadding Court Community Centre's Gone Fishin' event. Scheduled to start this weekend, the annual festival sees the centre's pool turned into a fishing hole for local kids.

"I don't think community centres should be supporting cruelty to animals," said Lucas Solowey, who started a petition on change.org calling for the event to be cancelled.

Gone Fishin' organizers say it's a chance for children in the city to learn about fishing without having to drive miles away to lakes and fishing ponds.

But Solowey said there are plenty of opportunities where kids can learn and have fun without inflicting pain to fish.

"Taking them out of their natural environment is quite startling to them," said Solowey, who is the interim general manager of the Toronto Vegetarian Association.

"It's really not acceptable to have an event like this. The fish are not volunteering to be taken out and put into this pool."

Solowey has sent a letter to the community centre and to area councillor Joe Cressy. The petition, which was launched Tuesday, had already garnered about 200 signatures by Wednesday evening.

There was no immediate comment from organizers on whether the petition will affect the event.

GILBERT NGABO/METRO

> **The fish are not volunteering to be ... put into this pool**
> Lucas Solowey, animal rights activist

SOCIAL MEDIA

Dog meat-eating petition gains celeb endorsement

An Ontario man's petition to end the annual Yulin dog meat-eating festival has exploded online after it received celebrity backing.

British comedian Ricky Gervais, who is in Toronto filming Netflix movie Special Correspondents, promoted the petition on his Facebook and Twitter accounts Tuesday, helping it reach close to 100,000 signatures.

Douglas Atherton, from Elliot Lake, started the petition hoping to raise awareness and "open people's eyes" to the cruelty of the festival.

Hundreds of thousands of social media users have shown their support for Atherton and other groups' petitions against the festival in China's Guangxi province using the hashtag #StopYulin2015.

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Through the eyes and voices of three young local stars, the performance challenges negative stereotypes about the community.

Professional actors, choreographers and designers were paired with local youth to tell the ongoing story of Regent Park. It's a combination of spoken word, dramatic scenes, poetry, music and dance.

"How often do we get to hear our own stories in theatres?" said Anne-Marie Woods, the show's director.

The actors actually live in Regent Park, Woods said, and have experienced many of the issues presented on stage.

"I admire them for being able to do that," she said, adding that the actors get to learn theatre techniques as they share their personal stories.

"That whole mentorship aspect is really incredible. It's like building a community within a community of the cast."

From left: Journey cast members Trevlyn Kay, Britta B and Steve Harmony during a rehearsal at Daniel's Spectrum in Toronto. FLICKR/LINDA MARIE STELLA

> **How often do we get to hear our own stories in theatres?**
> Anne-Marie Woods, the show's director.

Woods' hope is that the cast gets as much out of the show as the audience. Letting them tell their own stories instils a sense of pride and allows them to feel confident about the place they call home, she said.

"One character narrates how Regent Park isn't just about drug busts and gunshots," she said. "There's nothing more impactful than letting people realize that their story matters."

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TCH

Lawyer to follow up on report

Toronto Community Housing has brought in a lawyer to look into the "circumstances" surrounding the installation of washing and drying machines at the home of its CEO, board chair Bud Purves told Torstar News Service Tuesday.

The hiring of the lawyer — who Purves declined to name — comes amid a media report that CEO Greg Spearn used company resources to install a washer, dryer and laundry tub at his home last December, an apparent violation of company policy.

In a statement to the board on Monday and in an interview with Torstar on Tuesday, Spearn denied that staff were involved in the delivery or installation of the washer and dryer. "It would be disrespectful to my staff to even think about doing something like that," he told Torstar.

He did say that a staff member offered to help install the laundry tub and that he paid him. He also showed Torstar a receipt for the purchase of the washer and dryer, as well as a $50 delivery charge. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Maple Leaf does good for the kids

CHARITY

Peter Holland helps organize SickKids event

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Maple Leafs centre Peter Holland, left, being congratulated by teammate Morgan Reilly. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

What's Maple Leafs centre Peter Holland up to this off-season? He's stick-handling for a local charity.

The 24-year-old hockey pro from Caledon is helping organize a celebrity gala later this month to raise funds in support of the SickKids Foundation.

Holland has a personal connection to the Toronto hospital. About 10 years ago, he lost his two-year-old cousin who was battling cancer and receiving care at SickKids.

"It was deep," said Holland. "Obviously that touched closer to home."

Now that he is with an elite hockey team, he wants to get involved in creating awareness and generating support for worthy causes, he said.

"The ability that we have as players to get involved and give back to the community, it's exciting and a pretty neat thing to be a part of," he said.

The June 26 philanthropy gala is expected to bring together dozens of past and present pro athletes from the NHL, NBA, CFL, MLS and MLB. Juno Award Nominee Glenn Morrison will perform live at the event.

The goal is to raise at least $15,000 in one night, enough to purchase a cardiac MRI machine for the hospital.

"But even if we come up short, we hope it'll be a sizable cheque to help them with their good work," Holland said.

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SECOND WORLD WAR

Photo brings back memories for Holocaust survivor

A screen shot of the Times of Israel photo that caught Yehuda Danzig's attention. On the right-hand side he is wearing a dark coat and a cap. His brother is on his left wearing a cap.
STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The image is deceptively cheerful.

Taken in April 1945, it shows a dozen or so children smiling through a barbed-wire fence. They are prisoners at Bergen-Belsen, a Nazi Germany concentration camp, and they have just been liberated.

When he saw it, published May 20 in the Times of Israel newspaper, Toronto-based Holocaust survivor Yehuda Danzig, 82, recognized two boys on the right as himself and his brother Michael, 12 and 11 years old at the time. It was the first and only photo he'd seen of himself as a prisoner.

"I started to cry," says the soft-spoken Danzig. "I couldn't believe it."

Danzig had been in the kitchen, reading the paper on his tablet when the black-and-white still frame caught his eye. It was taken from the Holocaust documentary German Concentration Camps Factual Survey, shot at 14 different camps and sites of atrocities in Austria, Germany and Poland, including Auschwitz, after the fall of Hitler.

Though parts of the footage have been shown over the years, the film, directed with the help of Alfred Hitchcock, wasn't completed until 2014, after the British Imperial War Museums took over its restoration.

Danzig refuses to watch it, but he says its existence validates the nightmare he suffered through.

"The more people know about it, the better. You don't realize the inhumanity of people," he says from the couch of his North York apartment, his eyes cast downward.

Danzig was interred at Bergen-Belsen in northern Germany with his brother Michael, stepmother, a half-brother and half-sister in August 1944, after the family was removed from their home in Zlaté Moravce, Czechoslovakia. They survived other camps and a death march together before Danzig's father was sent to Buchenwald, another Nazi camp, where he died, and his older sister was institutionalized.

On April 15, 1945, a British solider arrived in their bunks.

"He said, 'You are free.' We didn't know what it meant to be free."

Danzig and his family were transferred to a military camp where they were fed and given medical attention.

In 1948, Danzig and his brother Michael were taken to the U.K. as orphans (their birth mother had died during childbirth) and in August were relocated to Canada. The rest of the family settled in Israel.

In Toronto, Danzig was placed in foster care and attended school. He married in 1958 and had two sons.

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BERGEN-BELSEN IN DETAIL

Bergen-Belsen was initially one of the less severe concentration camps — a place where Jews with foreign passports and from neutral countries were placed and potentially traded for German prisoners of war.

It was established in 1940 near the northern German towns of Bergen and Belsen.

Near the end of the war, its population surged drastically, according to Patricia Rice, a historian with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

With the Russians advancing from the East, Jews in concentration camps in Poland and Eastern Europe were sent to Bergen-Belsen.

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Billy James is one of Toronto's longest-serving licensed buskers, and can be found playing his guitar at the TTC's Dundas East station. KEITH BEATY/TORONTO STAR

Passion to play

MUSIC

Busker Billy James' tunes have touched many hearts

Billy James was in his 20s when he rolled into Toronto with his guitar, driven by a duo of hippie girls he convinced to give him a lift to Hogtown.

It was the 1970s and like many of the city's beat-driven bohemians of that era, he stumbled upon music mecca Sam the Record Man and instantly started busking in front of it. Before he knew it, crowds had formed and the store's legendary owner, Sam Sniderman, was promising free records if James returned to play.

He obliged, but his true love was just down the block at Dundas Station.

Beneath the city streets, in the bowels of the transit system, he found a stage that he hasn't left for the last 37 years.

You've probably seen James. Nearly everyone has. He's the longest-playing TTC busker — a 61-year-old with an infectious smile, a proclivity for jigging about and a voice filled with enthusiasm. It's what's earned him an honorary exemption from the TTC's musician auditions, held every three years.

But even more than that, it's what's earned him the hearts of countless commuters who pass him on their way to work and school.

They usually drop coins in his guitar case, but James says he's been gifted everything from a pair of shoes to an expensive box of Belgian chocolates with a $50 bill tucked inside.

Children, he says, have left him art they crafted at school and angst-ridden youngsters have scrawled him thank-you notes. He recalls one teen who contemplated ending her life.

"She said she was going to commit suicide until she heard the music and felt like it was sign of the good in life," James recalled.

> **"It affected her enough to stop something tragic.**
> James, on the girl whose life he indirectly saved

Stories like that, intertwined with music, have been the "best therapy," said James.

"Music creates such good energy. My enthusiasm infects people," he told the Star, while busking one evening.

James endured a childhood in foster care near the old CFB St. Hubert in Quebec before a teacher plucked him from obscurity and fashioned him into a choirboy. He later dabbled in bands, landed record deals and nabbed one of the city's first TTC licences in 1978.

Looking back on it all, he says, life as a musician is what he was born to do.

"This is all I do and all I have ever done." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Officer arrested in gang raid denied bail

A Hamilton police officer arrested in a gang raid last week has been denied bail.

Const. Craig Ruthowsky's lawyer Bernard Cummins says they will appeal the decision. Toronto police charged Ruthowsky and 44 others last week in a raid that they say took down the violent Monstarz gang. Ruthowsky faces three criminal organization-related offences, and charges for breach of trust and conspiracy to traffic cocaine. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cost of audit modest: Ferguson

SPENDING

$23.6M was within office budget, auditor general says

Auditor General Michael Ferguson says the $23.6-million price tag for his critical audit of Senate spending is not extraordinary for his office.

He said the sweeping two-year probe was paid for within the confines of his budget.

In an interview, Ferguson broke down the costs for the audit released Tuesday.

He said the $23.6 million includes costs that would have been incurred regardless of what the auditors were working on, such as salaries, utilities and office space.

He says those "allocated costs" account for about half the $23.6-million total, putting the direct cost of the audit between $11 million and $12 million.

"That really represents the opportunity costs," Ferguson said. "Those are the auditors that could have been doing something different."

Those direct costs aren't out of the ordinary for a large audit conducted by his office, he said.

On average, Ferguson said, auditors spent about 1,000 hours on each senator under review because some cases were more complicated than auditors expected. He also said his office underestimated how much time each file would take, but "we ended up having to do all of the audit within our regular office budget."

Ferguson has come under criticism for the cost of the audit, given that his work identified just $991,917 worth of wrongful claims out of 80,000 transactions over the two-year span of the audit. Earlier reports from The Canadian Press had the questionable spending pegged at nearly $977,000, based on having seen portions of the report before it was released Tuesday.

Ferguson said that direct comparison — spending $23.6 million to find less than $1 million in bad claims — shouldn't be the only measure Canadians use to judge the value of the Senate audit.

"In this audit, because people can look at what it costs and they can look at these itemizations, there's this natural sort of tendency to compare the million dollars to the ($23.6 million)," Ferguson said.

"It's easy to add up what we found and to look at the cost and do that strict comparison, but I think there's a lot more behind that to get to understanding."

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Average number of hours spent on reviewing each senator, according to Auditor General Michael Ferguson

Auditor General Michael Ferguson is interviewed in his Ottawa office Wednesday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Get ready for the Doughnairnut

HALIFAX

What 'started out as a joke' becomes tasty bites of reality

Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

A Robie Street Station Doughnairnut is shown ready to be served and enjoyed on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

It's the Haligonian concoction that's taking the Internet by storm: the Doughnairnut.

"It started out as a joke and then everybody got really excited, so we just decided to make it happen," said Kaleigh Burns, owner of Robie Street Station.

The eatery has been making doughnuts on weekends for two months. After last weekend's Samoan doughnut was mistaken on Twitter for a Samosa doughnut, Burns joked about a donair doughnut, and the rest is history.

The Doughnairnut is a collaboration between Robie Street Station and next-door neighbour Tony's Donair.

It's a yeast doughnut — more like bread than the old-fashioned kind — glazed with Tony's donair sauce, topped with Tony's donair meat and sprinkled with the works: diced tomatoes, green onions and a drizzling of more donair sauce.

Burns whipped up a prototype Tuesday morning and shared it on social media, garnering hundreds of shares and likes.

Burns will put together 200 of the doughnuts for this weekend, and sell them for $4 each. She said doughnuts are always a hit at the diner, and she expects to move through the whole batch.

"I expect this one to do better than all the ones before," she said.

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Police resume search for escaped cons

PRISON BREAK

No sign of either man after fifth day of manhunt

Police in body armour resumed house-to-house searches near the maximum-security prison in northern New York state where two killers escaped using power tools, authorities said Wednesday.

On the fifth day of looking for David Sweat and Richard Matt, state police said the house searches aren't the result of any new leads and law enforcement is retracing its steps in Dannemora, just over 30 kilometres from the Canadian border.

"They'll be doing a 100 per cent sweep from the prison right out, see how that goes," said David Favro, the sheriff for Clinton County, where the prison is located.

Law enforcement officials reiterated their plea for the public's help in reporting anything unusual in the area.

"We don't want them out searching the woods," Favro said. "But if you're sitting on your porch, get your binoculars out and see if you see something unusual."

Sweat, 34, and Matt, 48, cut through a steel wall, broke through bricks and crawled through a steam pipe before emerging through a manhole outside the prison grounds.

They were discovered missing early Saturday after stuffing their beds with clothes to fool guards, leaving behind a taunting note: "Have a nice day."

Investigators have been questioning prison workers and contractors to uncover who may have supplied the power tools.

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New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, left, speaks during a news conference in front of the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, N.Y., on Wednesday. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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EGYPT

Suicide bomber dies in attack on temple

A suicide bomber blew himself up Wednesday close to the ancient pharaonic temple of Karnak in southern Egypt, a site visited by millions every year, the government said. No tourists were hurt, and the Nile-side monument was not damaged.

The attack was the second this month near a major tourist attraction in Egypt, marking a shift in tactics in a campaign of violence waged by Islamic militants against the government of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. The attacks suggest extremists are shifting from attacks on security forces to targeting Egypt's vital tourism industry, which is only just beginning to recover from the turmoil in the country since 2011.

On June 3, gunmen on a motorcycle opened fire outside the famed Giza Pyramids on the outskirts of Cairo, killing two police officers.

In Wednesday's violence, officials said security at Karnak prevented the suicide bomber from entering the temple complex, and their forces battled two gunmen who were with him, killing one and capturing the other.

Karnak is one of Egypt's biggest tourist draws, a complex of temples, colossal statues, obelisks and massive columns built by a succession of pharaonic dynasties. The oldest sections date back nearly 4,000 years.

Mohammed Sayed Badr, the governor of Luxor province, said the attack was "an attempt to break into the temple of Karnak."

"They didn't make it in," he said.

Badr said the suspicions of police were raised when they saw three men carrying bags get out of a car in a parking lot. One began running when police ordered them to stop, so the police fired at him and an explosive belt he was wearing blew up. The Tourism Ministry said in a statement that the man detonated his "explosive device," killing himself instantly.

A second man had a gun and opened fire at police before he was shot and killed. The third attacker was wounded in the shootout and arrested, Badr said.

The blast scattered debris across the parking lot. Hundreds of onlookers and workers from a line of stores just outside the temple watched as ambulances rushed to the scene.

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IN BRIEF

EU police make arrests in identity fraud scam

Police have arrested dozens of suspects in an international investigation into a cybercrime gang that siphoned millions of euros from victims' accounts in an identity fraud scam. European Union justice agency Eurojust announced Wednesday that 49 suspects were arrested a day earlier.

The fraud involved stealing victims' data such as usernames and passwords, in a process known as phishing, and diverting money from them and their customers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turkish president 'open' to all coalition options

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan "is open to" all possible coalition options for a new government, including a partnership which would exclude the ruling party that he founded, a senior opposition legislator said Wednesday.

The ruling Justice and Development Party got around 41 per cent of the votes in Sunday's election, but lost its parliamentary majority, forcing it to seek a coalition partnership or a fragile minority government.

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INDONESIA HIGH ALERT North Sumatra's Mount Sinabung spews material from its crater Wednesday after authorities issued the highest alert level last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pope targets bad bishops

VATICAN

New tribunal would judge crimes that involve minors

Pope Francis took the biggest step yet to crack down on bishops who cover up for priests who rape and molest children, creating a new tribunal section inside the Vatican to hear cases of bishops accused of failing to protect their flock.

The initiative, announced Wednesday, has significant legal and theological implications. Bishops have long been considered masters of their dioceses and largely unaccountable when they bungled their job. The Vatican stepped in only in cases of gross negligence.

That reluctance to intervene has prompted years of criticism from abuse victims, advocacy groups and others that the Vatican had failed to punish or forcibly remove bishops who moved predator priests from parish to parish, rather than report them to police or remove them from the ministry.

The Vatican said Francis had approved proposals made by his sexual abuse advisory board, which includes survivors of abuse as well as experts in child protection policies. They call for a new mechanism by which the Vatican can receive and examine complaints of "abuse of office" by bishops, and bring them to trial in a Vatican tribunal.

A special new judicial section, with permanent staff, will be created inside the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "to judge bishops with regard to crimes of the abuse of office when connected to the abuse of minors," a Vatican statement said.

Details must still be worked out, including possible punishments and the statute of limitations to determine whether negligence by bishops dating back 20 or 30 years can now be heard. The congregation currently reviews all cases of priests who have abused minors and the statute of limitations is 20 years, though the congregation can waive that limit.

> **Let's be prudent, stay vigilant and withhold judgment.**
> David Clohessy of SNAP

"Really pleased the Holy Father has approved our proposal," commission member Marie Collins, herself a survivor of abuse, said in an email.

The main U.S. victims group SNAP was more cautious, noting that there are bishops currently in office who have delayed reporting abuse and yet remain unpunished. "In the face of this widespread denial, timidity and inaction, let's be prudent, stay vigilant and withhold judgment until we see if and how this panel might act," said SNAP's David Clohessy.

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GEORGIA

Abortion pill murder charge dropped

A Georgia prosecutor dropped a murder charge Wednesday against a 23-year-old woman whose arrest after taking pills to end her pregnancy baffled even abortion opponents.

Dougherty County District Attorney Greg Edwards issued a statement saying he had dismissed a malice murder charge against 23-year-old Kenlissia Jones, who spent about three days in jail before she was released.

Edwards said Jones still faces a misdemeanour charge of possession of a dangerous drug.

Abortion-rights advocates and opponents of abortion alike had said they were stunned by the murder charge. Georgia has prohibited the prosecution of women for feticide or for performing illegal abortions in cases involving their own pregnancies. After reviewing the law, Edwards said he reached the same conclusion.

Jones was arrested Saturday at the hospital where she sought help after a county social services worker called police, according to an Albany police report.

A hospital social worker told police that Jones had taken four Cytotec pills that she ordered online and delivered her fetus after breaking up with her boyfriend.

The social worker told police Jones went into labour and delivered the fetus in a car on the way to the hospital. The fetus did not survive.

Cytotec is a brand name for misoprostol, a prescription drug used in combination with mifepristone to induce non-surgical abortions. The pills are sold with prescriptions in the United States, but are available over the counter and online in many countries.

The police report does not say how far along Jones was in her pregnancy.

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Air Canada and WestJet nix limits

TRAVEL

Carriers won't follow others in reducing cabin bag size

Carry it on: luggage travels through Pearson International Airport in Toronto. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Air Canada and Westjet say they won't reduce the size of permitted carry-on luggage to go along with new voluntary international guidelines.

Air Canada, which requires passengers to check baggage larger than its maximum carry-on dimensions, said Wednesday it is satisfied with its luggage size rules but supports the general concept of industry harmonization.

"It would be easier if everyone drove on the same side of the road, and most people would agree with that," Air Canada spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said in an email. "The debate is over which side that should be, and that could go on a very long time and is ultimately speculative."

The International Air Transport Association says many airlines have agreed to reduce the size of carry-on bags to optimize cabin storage space.

Bags measuring no more than 21.5 x 13.5 x 7.5 inches (55 x 35 x 20 centimetres) will be tagged with an "IATA Cabin OK" logo.

The dimensions are slightly smaller than what is permitted on Air Canada and WestJet flights. Air Canada's bag must be no larger than 21.5 x 15.5 x 9 inches. WestJet's limits are slightly smaller at 21 x 15 x 9 inches.

"Currently we have no plans to change our carry-on allowance size," said WestJet spokeswoman Brie Thorsteinson Ogle in an email. "However, we evaluate and evolve guidelines when necessary to ensure they meet the necessary requirements for our guests and our operations."

IATA says the new carry-on bag size is intended to bring "common sense and order" to the problem of differing sizes.

"We know the current situation can be frustrating for passengers," senior vice-president Tom Windmuller said in a news release. "This work will help to iron out inconsistencies."

Fitzpatrick said Air Canada's larger carry-on baggage dimensions means anyone flying on planes following IATA guidelines will meet the airline's size requirements for carry-ons.

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THE BIG THING: MILLENNIAL-SPEAK

Taco Bell CEO Brian Niccol has made a concerted effort to get the company's staff to connect with its young customer base. Each week, they receive an email with a new vocabulary word curated by a group of 20-somethings and designed to help older folks keep up. Opinions are mixed as to whether this is a business-savvy way to engage the next generation of spenders, or a desperate move best described with a word that transcends generations: LAME. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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#TBT
A term nostalgia-prone millennials use on social media for "throwback Thursday."

Lit
Awesome, crazy, busy, hopping. "That party was lit." When used to describe a person, "lit" means drunk or high.

Bae
A synonym for "baby" and acronym for "before anyone else," popularized by a Pharrell Williams song.

On fleek
A variation of the more common "on point," meaning very stylish and refined. This neologism came from the video-sharing site Vine. "Shoe game on fleek."

Feels
Intense emotions. "This story about a blind goat with a seeing-eye dog is giving me All. The. Feels."

Throwing shade
Hurling insults in a highly skilful and passive-aggressive manner. This term originated in the drag community.

"I love how much you don't care about how you look."

"Ooh, throwing shade."

AF
An intensifier used primarily in texting and social media. Short for "as f--k," as in "dumb AF," "cute AF," "crazy AF."

Boom
An expression of emphasis; a four-letter statement of "I rest my case."

Basic
A description of someone, especially a woman, whose taste is so generic that she possesses no personality of her own. "Kayla loves Starbucks and scented candles. She's so basic. "

Dat...doe An alternative to "that..though." Used to bookend in constructions that point out general awesomeness, especially in relation to something cute online. "Dat kitten doe."

Bible A short form for "I swear on the Bible" for which we have the Kardashians to thank. "I don't have any homework today. Bible!"

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

As attention to a women's issue goes, we choose poorly

It's been two weeks of Caitlyn Jenner. Are we done yet?

Buckets of ink and hours of airtime and seemingly endless web pages have dissected and pontificated on every possible angle: that she's a trans hero, that she represents an elite trans experience, that she's sexy, that's she's been treated with sexism by the media, that she's a bad feminist (if a feminist at all) for coming out as a sex kitten, that she's a bad woman for embodying worn stereotypes of the so-called weaker sex.

Are you tired of it yet? I am.

As far as extended public attention to a women's cause goes, we chose poorly, friends.

The time we have devoted to that slick cover, and the effort we all took to really understand what it meant, has far outlasted what it deserved.

Meanwhile, we could have been writing about Chelsey Buchanan, a Halifax woman who's opened her home to abortion seekers from PEI, where there's no access to surgical abortions. Or writing about the war on abortion clinics in the U.S.

We might have dissected the recent words of a British Nobel scientist who called co-ed labs bad for science, because women are distracting to men.

Our energies could have been turned to research from Columbia Business School that says women's absence in boardrooms isn't due to female competitiveness, but to implicit company gender quotas. (In 2013, the Conference Board of Canada felt the need to argue the "business case" for women on company boards, as if we could be bad for the bottom line.)

If feminist reading is what you're after, why not disappear into the New Yorker's lengthy look at Angela Merkel, often the only female face in photo-ops of the world's most powerful leaders?

Jenner is so very far from the most important fodder for a debate on the state of feminism. Try: women earn one quarter less than men in Ontario; more than 3,000 women in Canada seek emergency shelter from domestic abuse on any given day; we account for 25 per cent of parliamentarians; globally, girls are twice as likely to be malnourished.

Yes, Jenner's was a dramatic reveal. Yes, it's good to put trans issues in the spotlight. But her photo op is not a pivotal moment for women.

It's just one very well shot, well-orchestrated and likely high-selling cover from a magazine devoted to opulence, power and sex.

Time, my friends, to move on.

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Floaty, feminine and fierce at Gucci

RESORT COLLECTION

New creative director leans on animal kingdom

In florals that matched the comfy chairs for his guests, in cat-eye glasses and dragonflies and bees and tigers and snakes, Gucci's new creative director Alessandro Michele put on a whimsical, eclectic show Thursday for his first resort collection.

Animal-kingdom adornments, splashes of disco lame, feminine sheers that exposed nipples and both warm and bold purples, yellows and pinks highlighted Michele's 62 looks for men and woman. Ruffles trimmed ladylike suits and high heels were chunky on sparkly mules.

Michele — who replaced Frida Giannini after her departure in January — closed a Chelsea street so the models could cross to the other side and enter his industrial space just as rolling metal gates were lifted. He covered floors with inviting oriental rugs.

The shaggy-haired, big-bearded designer in a slouchy white T-shirt, bracelets and fingers full of rings, greeted guests with warm hugs and a laugh. He said this collection, coming soon after his February debut in Milan, was focused on individual style.

"It's a kind of personal eccentricism," he said in a post-show interview. "It's a mix from the past and the present and from the soul, so you can believe in the way you dress," he said. "Everything matches together in a beautiful way in my mind."

Prepster stripes represented (on a silver bomber jacket he paired with an emerald green lace dress). So did '70s disco. Western-style touches added to his mix.

One cosy stripe coat was decorated with silver sparkle dragonflies and another was quilted in pale pink, trimmed with fur at the cuffs and worn with a Betty Draper scarf around a model's head. Some dresses flowed in tiers of ruffles while others were neatly pleated.

"It's about that feeling when a beautiful woman, where there's something that you do not expect," Michele said.

> **It's a kind of personal eccentricism.**
> Alessandro Michele

Has Michele, who has toiled for Gucci for 12 years, settled into his new role as creative director? He said he's getting there.

"Not quite relaxed," he laughed. "For a big company like Gucci, it's never-ending."

Dakota Johnson, Sam and Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Gucci president and CEO Marco Bizzarri attended. So did Alexander Wang and Joseph Altuzarra.

Wang considers Michele a welcome breath of fresh air.

"He's just getting started but he's really put his own stamp on who the new Gucci girl is. It's exciting," he said.

Altuzarra said Michele is "evolving the language of the house in a really interesting way, in a way that feels really fresh."

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Faux pas: Is your festival outfit racist?

CULTURAL APPROPRIATION

There are ways to pay homage and not offend, says historian

Canadian designers Dean and Dan Caten of Dsquared2 came under fire after promoting a collection, left, as #Dsquaw on social media. Givenchy's Fall 2015 collection, right, was called "Victorian Chola," riffing on a Mexican subculture. GETTY IMAGES

Raquel Laneri
Metro | New York

It's music festival season, which means you can expect to see lots of Instagrams of celebs and models wearing all sorts of controversial, culturally inappropriate accessories, like Native American headdresses or South Asian bindis. And no matter how much backlash they face, consumers — and designers — can't seem to stop stealing from other cultures.

Indeed, "appropriation" seems to have reached a fever pitch in fashion: baby hairs on the Givenchy and DKNY runways, "squaw"(!) fashion at Dsquared2, an exact replica of a traditional Oaxacan blouse by French designer Isabel Marant.

"It's been going on for a long time," says historian Valerie Steele, director of the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology. "But while the feeling that it's a rather problematic phenomenon has existed among scholars, it's been slow to filter down to the fashion world."

That's partly because designers and tastemakers couched such practices in terms like "multiculturalism" or even "postmodernism."

But even without racist language, cultural thievery can still be harmful, whether economically, socially or spiritually.

Yet, says Steele, "it's too easy to say that it was always celebratory — particularly when it's referenced in racist language or done in a way that reinforces cultural stereotypes."

> **If you are open and curious and say, 'I admire this, I like it, how can I wear it?' then people will take you seriously and respond to you.**
> Valerie Steele, Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology

BOOK NOTES

Newsworthy
Former journalist Linwood Barclay returns to the newsroom with Broken Promises, out July 28, about an unemployed reporter who uncovers some unsettling happenings in his small town, including a serial killer and an ancient Ferris wheel coming to life.

Detective work
There are only two months to catch up on Chief Inspector Gamache's sleuthing before the 11th instalment of Louise Penny's bestselling Quebec mystery series, The Nature of the Beast, which arrives Aug. 25.

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3 CRIME NOVELS TO READ THIS SUMMER

BOOKWORM
Sue Carter

Canada may not have as many big-name marquee crime authors as there are in the U.S. and U.K., but our writers can deliver chilling twists and turns with the best of them (must be the weather). Here are some must-read thrillers, including CanLit selections.

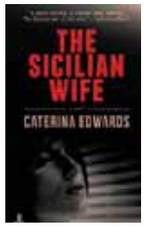
Stephen King's new novel Finders Keepers — a guaranteed must-read for fans of his psychological horror Misery — will no doubt be packed into a lot of beach bags this summer. But for those who like their mystery-thrillers set a little closer to home, there are plenty of options from CanLit writers such as Linwood Barclay, Peter Robinson, Louise Penny and Giles Blunt.

Plot twists in period novel

This historical mystery by U.K.-based author Seán Haldane won the Arthur Ellis Award, Canada's biggest crime-novel prize.

Set in 1860s Victoria, the story follows British police officer Chad Hobbes, who is tasked with solving the violent murder of Dr. McCrory, an American psychiatrist whose unconventional healing methods include "phrenology, Mesmerism and sexual-mystical magnetation." A local medicine man is suspected as the murderer, but Hobbes soon discovers there's more to the case than anyone expected.

Mafia Princess in the prairies



Caterina Edwards' latest book may be the first Mafia literary-noir novel ever with ties to Edmonton.

Fulvia, the "Mafia Princess," escapes her dutiful life in Sicily and moves to Alberta, only to have her husband murdered back home.

Through the killing, she becomes connected to Marisa, the investigating chief of police, facing her own troubles as a woman running a station full of male officers who've made it clear they don't want her there.

Scarier than housing prices

For her debut crime novel, award-winning poet Susan Glickman found inspiration in her own neighbourhood. Set in Toronto's quiet tree-lined Hillcrest Village, the story follows a woman named Liz who discovers the dead body of a real estate agent near her home. Liz becomes obsessed with his murder, partnering with a retired professor to solve the mystery, despite the police urging the amateur sleuths to back off.

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McDowell on her life 'After Perfect'

INTERVIEW

Daughter of Wall Street criminal tells all in memoir

Emily Laurence
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Christina McDowell's new novel recounts her father's downfall. HANDOUT

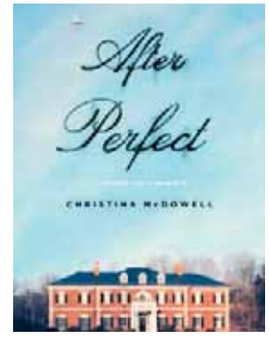
Growing up in an affluent Washington, D.C. suburb, Christina McDowell (née Christina Prousalis) had a picture-perfect life. But at 18, her life came crashing down when her father, Tom Prousalis, was arrested for fraud in connection with the conviction of Jordan Belfort, who was characterized in The Wolf of Wall Street.

McDowell's father went to prison and her family lost everything. She opens up to us about her decision to tell the story from her point of view in her new memoir, After Perfect.

The book is so personal. Was it a difficult decision to be so open?
I started writing my story many, many years ago as a way to process everything that was happening, but I fictionalized it because it was too painful to write any other way. I showed it to a couple of friends and they said, "No, it's not working."

This is a case of life being stranger than fiction. I started collecting letters, emails and everything from that time in my life and it slowly turned into a memoir. For me, it was about healing. It created a pathway to the truth and I learned more about myself than I think I ever intended to.

When The Wolf of Wall Street came out, you wrote an open letter criticizing the film's glorification of greed. Did you see the movie as a mockery of your life?
I just couldn't understand why Martin Scorcese would chose to make a movie about a man who had hurt so many people and exclude the victims. Whether he meant it to or not, it opened up a lot of wounds for many, many people.



> **I do not have a relationship with my father today.**
> Christina McDowell

Learning of your father's crime must have been really confusing for you because you grew up idolizing him quite a bit.
Oh, of course. I think every child can relate to this idea of putting your parents up on a pedestal. I had a really hard time when it happened. It happened when I was 18. At that age, legally you're an adult, but you're not prepared for the real world.

You're really active with InsideOut Writers, a non-profit for incarcerated youth. Do you think your past influenced your decision to work with them?
Absolutely. I relate to them because of my own feeling of abandonment, struggle to survive and being touched by the criminal justice system.

Writing is what healed you, so now you're helping them heal in the same way.
Exactly. Writing is so healing and we use it as a way to transform ourselves. We have the best time.

What is your viewpoint on money and wealth now?
I don't think there's anything wrong with having money or seeking to live a big life, but I do believe in ethical and moral boundaries with money. When you cross an ethical and moral line, that's where greed comes in and I certainly don't believe in living a greedy life.

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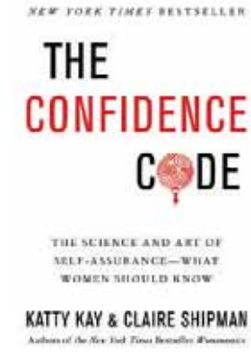
THE CONFIDENCE CODE

Perfectionism may be holding many women back: Author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THE CONFIDENCE CODE
THE SCIENCE AND ART OF SELF-ASSURANCE—WHAT WOMEN SHOULD KNOW
KATTY KAY & CLAIRE SHIPMAN

A book exploring the need for women to channel and boost their confidence proved eye-opening for co-author Claire Shipman — especially when she turned a critical lens on herself.

"One of the most valuable things for me in all the research is the impact it's had on my parenting. I have really realized that it's so important for kids to fail and to have struggles," said Shipman, mother to son Hugo, 13, and daughter Della, 10.

"I think as a perfectionist and then a helicopter-ish parent ... I fall into the trap of: 'Let me just make things easy for them' or 'I want to fix things' or 'I want them to go well.'"

In the bestseller The Confidence Code: The Science and Art of Self-Assurance — What Women Should Know (Harper Business), Shipman and co-author Katty Kay explore why even the most accomplished, educated and skilled women are often plagued by a lack of self-belief.

The Washington, D.C.-based journalists also seek to define the concept of confidence and investigate the nature and nurture factors at play.

Anecdotes and research reveal a reluctance among many women to seize opportunities for advancement.

A Hewlett-Packard study aimed at determining how to draw more women into top management found the company's female employees only applied for promotions when they believed they met 100 per cent of the qualifications. Meanwhile, the men were "happy to apply" when they thought they could meet 60 per cent of the job requirements. Even female global leaders aren't immune to self-doubt.

The Confidence Code features an interview with Christine Lagarde, managing director of the International Monetary Fund. She confessed to moments where she needed to "go deep inside" as a way to reassure herself of her strength, confidence and abilities.

As a self-confessed "master perfectionist" and "ruminator," Shipman said she has worked to create new habits, like not over thinking about someone's reaction to an email.

While the book encourages women to remind themselves of their abilities and achievements when self-doubt creeps in, Shipman said support networks are also key.

"The research shows for women, we often won't act unless we have one person we respect saying: 'Oh, you could win that seat. You could run for office. I could see you doing that.

"But not just (saying): 'You're great.' (It's) the power of encouraging us to take risks, encouraging us to do what seems uncomfortable." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Paltrow's awkward family vacation

SUMMER SLEEPOVER

New partners of uncoupled duo to holiday with the kids

IN HOLLYWOOD
Ned Ehrbar

There's showing off that you're totally OK with your ex-husband dating again, and then there's this, which is just plain weird: Gwyneth Paltrow is planning, depending on whom you talk to, a family vacation where she and Chris Martin each bring along their significant others — Glee co-creator Brad Falchuk for her, Jennifer Lawrence for him — or she's planning an intimate couples' retreat for the foursome that just so happens to also include their kids.

Either way, yikes.

"Gwyneth recognizes it's time for Jen to meet the whole family, and she wants Chris to be there for Brad's first proper bonding experience with the children," a source tells RadarOnline.

"The plan is to spend a week together in Hawaii as soon as all their schedules permit, but definitely before the end of summer."

If you think this is a terrible idea, Lawrence is apparently right there with you: "Jen is dreading it," the source adds.

"Chris is still spellbound by Gwyneth and her rules, so he's insisting on it."

Happy trails?

> **Chris is spellbound by Gwyneth and her rules.**
> RadarOnline source

Clockwise from top left: Brad Falchuk, Chris Martin, Jennifer Lawrence and Gwyneth Paltrow. ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

DIVORCE RUMOURS

Jen fed up with Ben

This certainly won't help all those divorce rumours swirling around Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner's marriage. The latest?

"She can't take it anymore. She's been consulting with a high-profile divorce lawyer," a source tells Life & Style, adding that while Garner was in Montreal recently for work, "she got a call that Ben was 40 minutes late to pick up the kids from school. She had to scramble to arrange another ride for them."

While that might not seem like a major infraction, it's apparently one of those last-straw situations.

"She doesn't trust Ben alone with the kids," the source says. "Custody is not negotiable."

This sounds like it will be the opposite of fun.

GOSSIPGIRL SMACKDOWN

Mindy handles heat

The folks over at GossipGirl.com went a bit out of their way to call out Mindy Kaling for her fashion choices by dubbing her a "hot mess."

Oh, and they even snuck in a little dig at her fans, writing, "Mindy Kaling is one of those 'woman of the people' types who basics find soooooo hilars."

That stings, Gossip Girl. That really stings.

Anyway, Kaling herself was more than able to defend herself, tweeting back simply, "Whoa, you guys are d—s."

And she has a point.

XOXO.

GOSSIP NOTES

The Glee tell-all you never asked for is coming

And they say publishing is a dying industry.

Naya Rivera just inked a deal to have a "memoir" published in spring 2016 with the snappy title Sorry Not Sorry: Dream, Mistakes and Growing Up.

Rivera promises "so many juicy stories about my life. Glee, guys, growing up and so much more," while the publisher pitches it as "candid thoughts on topics ranging from dating to the challenges of being mixed race in Hollywood."

So if you're one of those unique folks who is desperate for tawdry behind-the-scenes tales from Glee, but you're also willing to wait about a year, then this is great news for you.

Naya Rivera

Michael Jackson fans try to stop Neverland sale

Michael Jackson's fans are not thrilled about plans to unload the late singer's most notable asset, the Neverland Ranch near Santa Barbara, Calif.

They're so incensed, actually, that they've started a petition to halt a potential sale.

"Neverland, Michael Jackson's house, is one of the most important places for Michael Jackson's fans," the petition, already signed by nearly 8,000 fans, reads. "It's one of the reminders that we have of Michael."

The attempts to petition Jackson's estate, however, have been a bit misguided, since the property is actually owned by Colony Capital.

> **It's one of the reminders we have of Michael.**
> Petition to halt the sale of Neverland

"As has been said in previous statements from the Estate, both to the media and to the fan community, the Estate is very disappointed over the decision by Colony Capital to sell Neverland," a spokesman says.

"Unfortunately, that does not change the reality that the Estate is not in a position to stop the sale of the property."

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A new view on real estate

CONDOS

Images from drones help developers market units

CONDO TRENDS

Duncan McAllister

It's up, up and away with new high-flying drones that developers are now using to market condos. Unmanned aerial vehicles, or UAVs, are taking the world by storm. Commonly known as drones, the units first made headlines as the notorious instruments of war used by U.S. forces overseas.

Today, scaled down, remotely piloted helicopters are able to carry high-definition cameras aloft, with prices anyone can afford. It's a rapidly growing business that is literally taking flight, says Adam Sax, serial entrepreneur and co-founder of The Sky Guys, a Toronto-based aerial photography consulting company.

Drone technology lends itself to real-estate applications in many ways. In the past, developers had to hire actual helicopters and planes to conduct aerial surveys of their properties.

"We can map the entire area and create a three-dimensional terrain, so they can map out the utilities and infrastructure." says Sax.

The drones enable marketers to capture all four building faces, the actual views from every suite, even a 360-degree view of the entire building.

"Developers want to get a perspective on the views from every floor. We'll actually fly the drone up to each individual floor," says Sax.

With context photography and a bit of Photoshop magic, marketers can show the condo building superimposed on an actual cityscape. "We'll take a few photographs from the air, looking at the property with the city in the background. They can actually render in the project and have the full building on the site."

Sax says aerial drone photography creates an entirely new perspective for selling homes.

"About 10 years ago, we had virtual tours where you could actually look at a home inside. And now with drones, you have an all-new perspective. We can actually go to homes and fly the entire house, the entire property.

"Buyers are loving it because it's just a whole new media that they can do on their own, online and get an entire sense of what the property offers."

Popular startups are popping up, such as the new Drones Plus retail store on Yonge Street.

Sales representative Saba Asfaw says the company carries a wide range of products, from the $34 Proto X nano quadcopter, the world's smallest drone, to the full-sized S1000+ model, that with various add-ons can cost upwards of $10,000.

"The DJI Phantom series are the most popular, if you're really serious about drones." says Asfaw.

We can actually go to homes and fly the entire house
Adam Sax, co-founder, The Sky Guys

ABOVE: An aerial view of Post House condos by Alterra in Toronto. This shot was taken by UAV pilot Kirk Eksyma. THE SKY GUYS

RIGHT: A DJI Phantom quadcopter hoists a Hero HD camera aloft. DJI

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Grid to suit students

Project overview

Grid Condos is a new highrise residential condominium development in the heart of Toronto's Learning District. The contemporary structure will cater to the needs of the 21st-century student, with study rooms and private cubicles with plenty of outlets for laptops.

Building amenities

Residents will have access to student-focused facilities, such as The Grid learning centre. The two-storey lobby will have a 24-hour concierge service. The building will also include The Grid fitness centre, a yoga studio, 2nd- and 3rd-floor outdoor terraces, and guest suites.

Location and transit

Situated in a highly walkable and vibrant section of downtown Toronto, The Grid will have the Dundas streetcar service right outside and will require just a short walk to the Yonge subway platform. Cyclists will have access to a network of downtown bike lanes.

In the neighbourhood

The condo is located across from Ryerson University's urban campus and near other institutions, such as St. Michael's teaching hospital, George Brown College and Canada's National Ballet School. The Yonge Street area offers a broad selection of shopping, restaurants and entertainment options.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

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Architect: Page + Steele/IBI Group Architects
Interiors: esQuape Design
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Pros are key in home renos

Bryan Tuckey

A report published by CIBC earlier this year revealed that nearly half of Canadian homeowners plan to renovate their homes this year — a great way to add value to their existing homes while creating jobs in the industry and boosting our economy.

The poll showed that 42 per cent of Canadians are planning home renovations, and plan to spend an average of $17,000 on sprucing up their homes with some basic maintenance, such as painting, flooring, general repairs and replacing appliances.

While renovating a home can be exciting, it's important to avoid rushing into things. Make sure you do your research and obtain the proper paperwork, particularly for a larger renovation. This is especially true for big cities like Toronto, which require homeowners to obtain a permit.

I recommend working closely with your renovator to ensure all the paperwork is in order before starting any work. If your contractor pressures you to act otherwise, proceed with caution. A professional renovator will know and play by the rules.

Working with a professional renovator is of utmost importance because you want to be confident you're trusting your home to someone with the right knowledge and experience to do the job and do it right. If you think it's expensive to hire a professional, keep in mind how much it will cost in the long run if you hire an amateur. You could end up paying thousands to fix substandard work, or risk having no work done at all.

Make sure you have all elements of the job, including payment, outlined in a detailed and written contract. Without one, any legal action will prove challenging should you encounter issues.

There are hundreds of professional renovators and trade contractors available in a searchable online database at renomark.ca. For your convenience, the search is fully customizable by trade and location, allowing you to find the right contractor that's closest to you.

If you are planning a home renovation, make sure you hire a pro.

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ADVICE

Parking pad issue becomes complex

LEGAL MATTERS

Jeffrey Cowan

Q: We are looking for a new home and are interested in a city property that has a front parking pad. On closer inspection, our real-estate agent found out the parking pad is illegal. We don't know what is involved in getting it "legalized" and whether we should just walk away from this property. Thoughts?

A: Front parking pads are quite a contentious issue with older homes that were built before the advent of cars (yes kids, there was such a time). This explains why the shared driveway between century-old houses can barely fit a modern day car in between the homes. Basically, a lot of municipalities have stopped allowing for licensed front parking pads as there is a movement towards more green space in an ever-encroaching city of brick and concrete. However, most cities also have a realistic streak to them and will often "grandfather" in existing parking arrangements. Furthermore, most municipalities turn a blind eye to the use of the front yard as a place to park your vehicle. If you are lucky enough to have a legal parking pad, you probably will have to pay an annual licensing fee to the city. And don't forget that if it is legal, that right needs to be transferred when you buy your new home. Funnily enough, this is a very complex area of law and home ownership. You should engage your lawyer to figure out where your property (or potential property) stands.

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What they're a$king

This week, we looked for the smallest condos we could find in town. Designed with investors in mind, or for those looking to get into their first condo purchase or a pied-à-terre. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO

OUR CITY

$324,900

Toronto

Here's a one-bedroom lower penthouse at the Vibe condos in Liberty Village. Located at 100 Western Battery Rd., in a neighbourhood that caters to young professionals, the unit includes parking and a locker. This highly walkable community is close to grocery stores, restaurants, a gym, Starbucks and an LCBO. At 499 sq. ft., it's certainly not the smallest condo in Toronto, but a nice size for a single or working couple. The condo features views of the lake and access to the streetcar and Gardiner Expressway. Amenities include a gym, swimming pool, media room and outdoor patio with barbecue. Listing agent Alex J. Wilson is with Re/Max Condos Plus, 416-996-5181.

$294,900

Ottawa

Here's a 635-sq. ft. unit in downtown Ottawa, with excellent views from the eighth floor. The condo is close to shopping and services, including an LCBO, Shoppers Drug Mart and Starbucks. The appliance package is included in the price. Building amenities include a party room with a pool table and projection TV, and an exercise room. Eric Perron is a sales representative with Re/Max Affiliates Realty, 613-825-8683.

$209,900

Halifax

This 529-sq. ft. studio condo in the new Gladstone Ridge Development is just a few blocks from the hip Hydrostone Market. The 10th-floor suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, a maple kitchen with five appliances and a laundry room with a washer and dryer. The complex includes an outdoor pool, a fitness studio, and landscaped grounds with outdoor garden plots and a car wash station. Listing agent is Cheryl Jenkins from Keller Williams Select Realty, 902-403-6655.

$99,000

Winnipeg

Here's a great deal on a 550-sq. ft. unit that proves you can still get a condo for less than $100K. This trendy condo has been renovated and contains new Kitchen Craft cabinets, granite countertops, and stainless-steel appliances. The bathroom has a funky, claw-foot bathtub. The living room features a wall of exposed brick that suits the minimalist, industrial decor. Listing agent is Scott Moore, a sales representative with Realty Executives Premiere, 204-995-7355.

$117,500

Calgary

An affordable, well-kept condo in the Applewood community offers all the basic amenities in a compact design of 258 sq. ft. The suite includes a fridge, stove, well-maintained washer and dryer, and Beechwood countertop. The unit features durable tile and hardwood flooring and a private balcony on the top floor of a clean and quiet pet-friendly building. For sale by owner through the Comfree Commonsense Network, 403-589-1915.

$144,900

Edmonton

Here's a top floor, 538-sq. ft., one-bedroom, one-bathroom condo suite that's close to downtown and public transit. The renovated unit has a large living room and access to the balcony that spans the length of the condo. The galley-style kitchen has plenty of cupboard space and opens into an eating nook. The building features a laundry room and assigned parking. Brent MacIntosh is a sales representative with Re/Max River City, 780-445-0091.

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Vancouver

This 490-sq.-ft., one-bedroom suite is in trendy "LoLo", an area in North Vancouver called Lower Lonsdale. It's close to the Lonsdale Quay Market, Waterfront Park and the SeaBus. The Forbes Manor suite has great views of the harbour and sunset. The living room opens out to a spacious balcony. The suite features bamboo laminate floors and a stylish bathroom with double vanity. The listing agent is Shirley Lord with Sutton Group - West Coast (Broadway), 604-760-2012.

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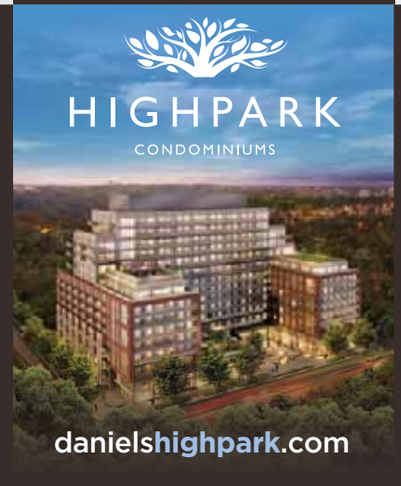

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Just a few pieces boost TV room

DESIGN CENTRE
Karl Lohnes

Your decor questions answered: A reader gets the scoop on how to perk up a TV room.

Q: I have reconfigured the furniture in my TV room in order to have a comfortable area for watching television. I now need advice on how to display the art on the wall. Thanks for any advice you can give.
— Peter, Toronto

Metro reader Peter wants to show off the art in his TV room.
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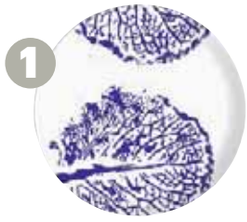
A: Treat the large colourful painting as the focal point to the wall and centre it above the sofa, not the full wall. Add a picture light above in order to highlight the painting at night. Lower the black and white art and add a dark decorating shelf below which you can display small picture frames or candles. This will help create a secondary display on the wall that holds together nicely. The chair looks shoved into the corner; I suggest bringing the chair out to incorporate it into a conversation arrangement in the room. The empty space beside the sofa can now house a small table or a plant. Your window is best dressed with a non-drapery-type covering. Consider a fitted shutter or wide blind in a fashionable dark brown finish. This will allow for light control while watching movies yet open for viewing the garden.

LEFT: Picture lights not only highlight artwork but also act as night lights and accent lighting in a room. Modern Bronze Picture Light, $160, RH.com

LEFT: A small shelf positioned below artwork makes it feel more important and adds visual weight. Archetype Black Photo Ledge, $15, CrateAndBarrel.com.

ABOVE: A small round table can act as a perch for drinks or an interesting plant stand. Ryan Wire Accent Table, $70, PotteryBarn.com

LEFT: A fitted window treatment should always blend well with the other decorating elements in a room. Levolor customizable blinds, levolor.ca



Nature sparks design trend

Represented by humans since the dawn of time, the natural world continues to inspire artists of all kinds, including interior designers. Here are some of the most striking and eccentric examples recently released by design labels. AFP

1 Vegetable prints

Artist Chiara Andreatti has used cabbage leaves and halved artichokes as stamps to create her designs on the Végétal plates by Non Sans Raison. $44 US each. PHOTO BY NON SANS RAISON

2 Decorative herbarium

Like butterflies and beetles, pressed flowers are as at home in the living room as they are in a naturalist's study. &K Amsterdam has placed real botanicals in glass tiles, to be placed around the home. About $2.60 each. PHOTO BY &K AMSTERDAM

3 A natural shelf

For those with an appreciation for greenery but no green thumb, designer Thomas Eyck has come up with a vine-shaped porcelain wall shelf. No watering necessary. Price available on request. PHOTO BY THOMAS EYCK

4 Pineapple pitcher

Serve drinks in style with the porcelain pineapple pitcher that takes advantage of the tropical fruit's shape, by &K Amsterdam. About $41. PHOTO BY &K AMSTERDAM

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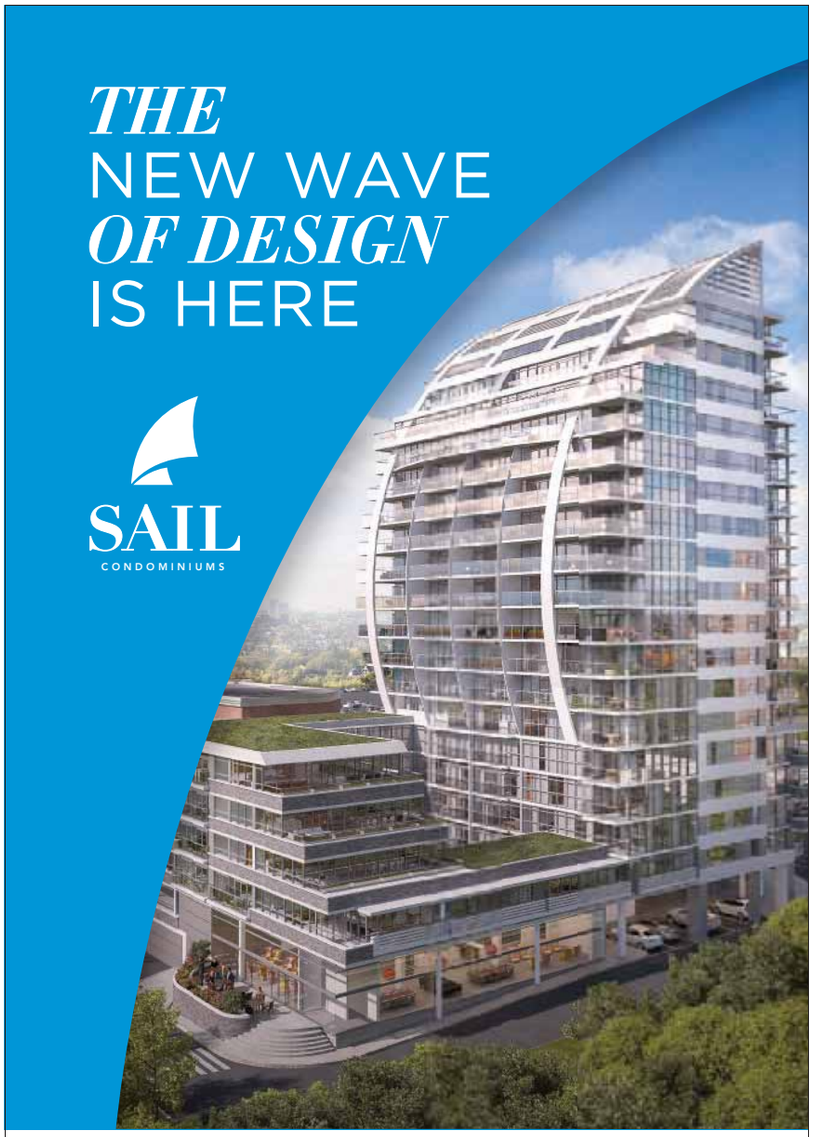

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A living room anchored with a generously sized round coffee table and a large pendant fixture puts scale and proportion to use. RUSTIC WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY/BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ask a designer: make room work

HOW TO

Furniture arrangement makes or breaks a space

Sometimes the way to improve a room isn't to buy new furniture: It's to rearrange pieces you already own.

"Changing up the placement of your furniture can make a massive difference," says designer Brian Patrick Flynn, founder of Flynnside Out Productions. Adding, subtracting or relocating furniture, he says, affects "how natural light plays in the space and also how frequently the room gets used. By simply adding a bench to a wall, a room can become more of a hangout." Removing a few pieces to create more space "can make it feel a bit more casual and informal."

How do professionals map out a furniture plan, choosing the best location for each item? Flynn and two other interior designers — Dan Faires, host of HGTV's DanMade, and Betsy Burnham of the California-based design firm Burnham Design — share advice:

Analyze your space

Begin by deciding how the room will be used, Burnham says, and consider any quirks: Are there lots of windows or doors? Unique architectural items such as a fireplace or beautiful windows with a view? A particular piece of furniture or art that you want visitors to notice?

Depending on the answers, Flynn likes to choose one "standout feature" and then arrange furniture in a way that highlights it.

Also, says Burnham, "lighting can direct a furniture plan." Is there a lot of natural light or will you need plenty of lamps? Are there built-in sconces or a central chandelier?

Allow space

Don't skimp on empty space. "I always allow a minimum of 18 inches between sofas and coffee tables," Faires says, "and 3 to 5 feet for walk spaces. The flow and negative space in a room is as important as the overall function and the furniture" because it makes the space feel more open, uncluttered and inviting.

Consider the size and placement of rugs. "I cannot imagine designing a living-room space with a rug any smaller than an 8-by-10," Faires says. "The rug is meant to unify the entire space and connect furniture pieces together, so a good rule of thumb is that at least the front legs of any sofas or chairs in the living room should be on the rug. For a larger area rug, allow at least 18 inches from the edge of the rug to the wall."

In very large rooms or loft spaces, rugs can help define small areas and make the space feel organized.

"To keep everything balanced while visually separating each zone, use area rugs in co-ordinating colours with slightly different textures and patterns," Flynn says.

Break the rules

While some symmetry is important to "ground a furniture plan," Burnham says, mixing in a little asymmetry "makes for a much more interesting room."

If she flanks a sofa with matching end tables and table lamps, "we may balance the grouping with mismatched chairs and a standing lamp."

Remember, you don't have to place furniture along walls.

"Furniture in the middle of the room helps highlight architectural features and also aids in proper movement throughout the space," Flynn says.

Placing furniture away from walls also works well in spaces that have lots of doors, or soaring windows that shouldn't be obstructed.

And not every living room needs a sofa. Burnham suggests trying "an unusual layout, like a living room with four lounge chairs around a centre coffee table."

Use unexpected pieces, such as "a library table stacked with books in a wide hallway, or two area rugs instead of one to define spaces within a bedroom," she says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 tricks to make most of balcony

OUTDOORS

Use of walls, raised planters eliminate 'patio envy'

Carson Arthur
For Metro

Nothing says summer like fresh evening air and a cold drink in your hand. It's the perfect way to wrap up a long day at the office or, better yet, an even longer day at the beach.

But when you're limited by space, relaxation can easily turn to frustration if you haven't got the right setup. I call it "patio envy."

Luckily, we've seen a resurgence of landscaping driven by the millennial generation that favours urban spaces. So it comes as no surprise that we're seeing trends that are scalable to any outdoor space, no matter its size.

Here are my Top 3 hacks to make the most of your balcony this year:

Outdoor design expert Carson Arthur.
MICROPRO SIENNA BY BOB GUNDU

Think vertically!

It always surprises me how often walls are overlooked outdoors. Vertical walls in a small outdoor space or a balcony are the perfect spot to add character without cluttering the rest of the area. Make the most of yours with vertical gardens or outdoor art. Another great trick is installing a hinged wall-mounted table that gives you extra serving space when needed, or folds away to make room for more seating.

Get growing

Who says you can't garden on a patio? Get beyond terracotta pots with this year's must-have: the raised planter bed. The key is choosing a custom design that makes sense for your space. With DIY here to stay, companies have gotten really good at helping novice builders get started. MicroPro Sienna wood is a fantastic choice for a raised bed because it looks great and it's affordable. Best of all, it has set new environmental benchmarks, so it won't leach toxins into soil. You can request easy-to-follow plans on its website to get the look and make a statement on your balcony.

Maximize empty spaces

Clutter in a small space can easily overwhelm. Take a look at the spaces that aren't being used and make them work for you. My favourite unused space is under benches. Built-in seating on balconies is a great way to add storage for toys, tools, and other outdoor goodies. Not to mention the space under that custom planter! It's perfect for keeping extra blankets and pillows on hand.

Summer is short: take control of your outdoor space this year and get the most out of this beautiful season.

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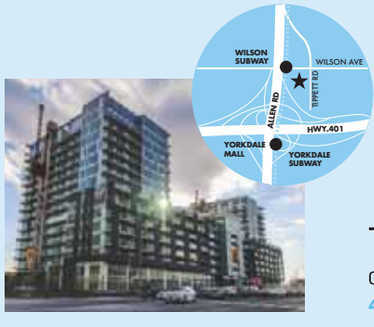

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5 STYLING HACKS FOR YOUR PLANTS

Plant designer and certified horticulturist Lisa Muñoz of LeafandJune.com shares some styling tips. TINA CHADHA/METRO IN NEW YORK

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1 Trail mix

"Trailing plants work really well on a shelf. It creates such a nice waterfall effect and you take advantage of the height of the shelves," says Muñoz. She used a pothos plant in this bathroom. Another takeaway: Some plants — such as humidity-loving ferns — work especially well in a bathroom.

2 Cornered

"Corners are great for a splash of green." Muñoz recommends creating a grouping and experimenting with various heights of plants and planters. In this group, she used a bird's nest fern ("which unlike a lot of ferns likes bright light") and a fiddle leaf fig. "It's a really nice statement piece." Muñoz also placed a watermelon peperomia on a vintage stool.

3 Low-light foilage

Don't have a lot of light, but still crave greenery? Muñoz says your best bet is a ZZ (short for Zamioculcas zamiifolia, pictured on the right of the mantel) or snake plant (on the side tables). "Snake plants are super versatile," says the expert. "They're actually all over tropical regions but you can also throw one in a closet and forget about it and it will still be alive months later."

4 No flowers

Can't find decent flowers? Try philodendron leaves instead. "It's a nice way of adding an accent without having a potted plant or cut flowers that only last a few days," says Muñoz. She says these should last about seven to 10 days.

5 Creative surface space

Don't let a lack of space stop you from peppering your place with plants. Muñoz says some plants work well with bright light and heat and can be placed right on top of a radiator. In this room she used an aloe plant, a pencil cactus and a dracaena reflexa. The trick: "Any plant I put on a radiator, I put a little cork plate underneath," she says. "In the winter you just want to check the soil a little more frequently to make sure it's not super dry."

A bee drops in on a potted chive assortment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Potted plants to draw pollinators

GARDENING

Small areas for insects suit cities where space is tight

Even a little effort — a potted plant, say, on an apartment balcony — can mean a lot when trying to help restore declining pollinator populations, such as bees, bats, and butterflies.

"Every contribution is worthwhile," said Victoria Wojcik, research director for the Pollinator Partnership in Toronto. "You're making a better environment for pollinators, no matter how small."

Butterflies and other pollinators don't need large areas for foraging but they do need a flower, she said.

"A planter on a balcony, even on the 30th floor — they will find it and visit it," she said. "If people do this all over the city, it will definitely help."

Pollination is needed by at least 80 per cent of the world's crop species. Wind does the job for numerous plants, notably grasses, while many others are served by a variety of animal pollinators.

Both sides benefit. Wildlife feed on the pollen and flower syrup while helping their plant partners reproduce.

But changing land use, viruses and pesticides are being blamed for massive pollinator losses — especially among the 4,000 native bee species in the United States and the thousands of managed stocks of non-native honeybees.

Enter pollinator planting.

"Native plants attract native pollinator species," said Kari Houle, an extension educator with the University of Illinois. "Know which are suitable for your growing zone. Find a beneficial fit."

She suggests a number of pollinator-friendly annuals for container use: alyssum, cleome, flax, lantana, snapdragon and zinnia, among them.

Select different flower sizes and shapes to match pollinator-feeding habits.

"Butterflies like places to sit," Wojcik said. "Hummingbirds like bugle-shaped plants. Fragrant, sweet-smelling flowers attract night-flying creatures like bats and moths."

Certain flower colours are pollinator magnets. Bees seem to like bright whites and yellows, while butterflies appear drawn to reds and purples.

"Vegetables do extremely well in pots, particularly cucumbers and tomatoes," Wojcik said. "Bumblebees love (gathering pollen from) tomatoes. They're uniquely adapted to that."

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THE BUZZ ON POLLINATOR PLANTING

More tips for attracting bees, butterflies

- Use succession planting to provide pollen and nectar from early spring to late fall. Spring is an important season — especially for overwintering honeybees — because their food stocks of honey are low, and spring-blooming flowers are harder to find. That could mean tolerating dandelions, a favourite pollen source.
- Place containers in full sun and shelter them from high winds. Include water on the menu by adding a birdbath or dripping faucet.
- Choose double-duty plants, such as colourful edibles.
- Stop using pesticides.
- Provide host plants, such as milkweed, that are popular with Monarch butterfly larvae. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The red-hot U.S. men's national team beat Germany 2-1 in a friendly in Cologne

Thursday, June 11, 2015

Jays make it 8 straight

MLB

In his first start, Copeland helps keep winning streak alive

Scott Copeland's first stint as a starting pitcher with the Blue Jays lasted just one game, but that was long enough to make a strong impression on manager John Gibbons.

The 27-year-old Copeland provided the Blue Jays with seven innings of one-run baseball Wednesday afternoon, allowing six hits and striking out seven as Toronto thumped the Miami Marlins 7-2.

WEDNESDAY In Toronto

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BLUE JAYS	MARLINS

In his first major-league start, Blue Jays pitcher Scott Copeland gave up just one run in seven innings against the Marlins on Wednesday at Rogers Centre. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"He was unbelievable. I don't see how you can do it any better than that," Gibbons said. "I don't know how many ground balls he had today, but that's kind of who he is. He really stood out. It was his first start for us. He definitely opened up everybody's eyes.

"Everybody thought he was good, but to actually go out there and do it, that's going to help him out in the future."

Copeland (1-0) was recalled on Tuesday night and made a spot start in place of Aaron Sanchez.

"You just go out there and try to help the team win. Keep the streak they have alive and pound the strike zone and get ground balls. Let players make plays," the right-hander said. "At first I was up in the zone, but after that first inning I kind of got in the groove and started pounding the zone.

"You just go out there and compete and hopefully the managers and coach's eyes are open now and next time something happens, I'll be up here."

> **When we made mistakes, they made us pay.**
> Marlins manager Dan Jennings

Copeland was returned to triple-A Buffalo after Wednesday's game, with the Jays saying they will make a counter-move Friday before starting a three-game series in Boston.

Justin Smoak and Russell Martin hit back-to-back homers in the fourth while Jose Reyes and Josh Donaldson went deep in the seventh as Toronto (31-30) extended its win streak to a season-high eight games and moved one game above .500 for the first time since May 9. The Jays also swept their second consecutive series.

The loss drops Miami (24-36) to 3-6 during interleague play this season.

"Obviously we ran into a very hot Blue Jays team," said Marlins manager Dan Jennings. "They can swing the bats. They're as good a hitting club as we've faced to this point."

Marlins starter Tom Koehler (4-4) allowed six earned runs on eight hits while striking out seven in 6-2/3 innings of work.

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HOCKEY

McDavid's about to learn on the fly, Gretzky says

Connor McDavid is expected to be selected first overall in the NHL draft on June 26. GARY WIEPERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wayne Gretzky can't offer Connor McDavid much advice about how to handle the pressure of the NHL draft later this month. The Great One never went through the experience himself.

But on June 26, he'll be watching with interest from his summer home in Idaho as the Edmonton Oilers, his former team, select first overall and likely take the highly touted McDavid.

"They're going to learn a lot as they go along here because you have to experience it yourself to know exactly what it's all about," Gretzky said of the McDavid family. "The good news is he's going to a wonderful city and the people there are going to treat him with a great deal of respect.

> **I'll be the first guy to shake his hand if he breaks my records.**
> Wayne Gretzky on Connor McDavid

"They're going to idolize this young man because he's that good of a hockey player."

While Gretzky has done it all in hockey, he was never drafted to a professional league.

Instead, Gretzky signed with the Indianapolis Racers of the World Hockey Association in 1978 as a free agent straight out of major junior. Gretzky was traded to Edmonton later that year and moved with the Oilers to the National Hockey League when it merged with the WHA in 1979.

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IN BRIEF

WADA calls out CFL on its drug policy

The World Anti-Doping Agency says the CFL's drug policy has "room for improvement." WADA released a statement Wednesday after the head of the organization's only accredited lab in Canada slammed the league earlier this week for failing to reprimand first-time drug offenders or upholding suspensions handed down in university.

The CFL/CFLPA's drug policy states that a player who initially tests positive is subject to mandatory testing for two years, but does not face suspension and is not named publicly. A second offence would result in a three-game suspension, while a third positive test would mean a year-long ban. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business as usual for Coyotes GM and coach

Owners change and the relationship between the Arizona Coyotes and the city of Glendale carries on like a soap opera. Meanwhile, the team's hockey operations keep chugging along.

The city council is considering cancelling the Coyotes' lease at Gila River Arena, something the team feels is "without merit." In the midst of that, team general manager Don Maloney and coach Dave Tippett prepare for their third pick in the draft later this month.

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Mr. Hockey has second stem cell transplant

Gordie Howe's son Mark says his father is doing well after receiving a second experimental stem cell transplant this week.

The 87-year-old hockey legend was treated Monday at the same Mexican clinic where he underwent an initial injection of stem cells in his spine in December.

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‘We’re a better team’: Canada ready for Kiwis

WOMEN’S WORLD CUP

Herdman says former team has no secrets

A confident John Herdman dissected New Zealand’s tactics at his pre-game news conference Wednesday at the Women’s World Cup.

And the Canadian coach made it clear that he does not expect the Football Ferns to bring anything new to the table Thursday.

“Very clearly, we’re a better team.... And I think quality for quality, we’re a better team than New Zealand,” said Herdman.

“And if we connect and we connect like we did against China for periods and we improve on some things and we live the game plan, Canada should win this game.... We should win this group.”

Winning the group means less travel and avoiding other group winners until deeper into the 24-team tournament.

John Herdman coached the New Zealand women’s national team from 2006 to 2011. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada, ranked eighth in the world, is coming off a 1-0 win over No. 16 China, while No. 17 New Zealand was beaten 1-0 by the 12th-ranked Netherlands in the other Group A match.

Herdman used to coach the Kiwis, and current coach Tony Readings is a former assistant.

He plans to have a glass of wine with Readings after, but Herdman made no secret about the outcome he expects in Edmonton. He says Canada wants the points more.

> **The reality is we know what they’re going to throw at us now.**
>
> John Herdman, on facing former club New Zealand

Bravado aside, some observers thought Herdman struggled to keep his emotions in check when he was first asked about facing his old team. In contrast, the New Zealand camp was all business.

“The fact that we’re playing against a coach that used to be in charge of this team doesn’t really change too much for us,” Readings said at his subsequent news conference.

“To be honest, as a team, we haven’t really spoken about John at all,” added midfielder Annalie Longo.

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JAMES HINCHCLIFFE

Driver’s humour intact after crash

With his trademark self-deprecating humour, James Hinchcliffe jokes that he received “a complete oil change” after his accident during preparations for the Indianapolis 500.

All kidding aside, the IndyCar driver from Oakville recognizes he’s lucky to be alive.

Hinchcliffe suffered a life-threatening leg injury May 18 when a piece of his suspension broke during a crash and pierced his leg. IndyCar’s safety crew had to act quickly to extract him from the car and pump him with more than 14 pints of blood as they raced him in an ambulance to an Indianapolis hospital.

Hinchcliffe, who was in critical condition when he was rushed into emergency surgery, said Wednesday he has no memory of the race to save his life.

> **It’s fascinating and terrifying all at the same time.**
>
> James Hinchcliffe

James Hinchcliffe GETTY IMAGES FILE

“I’m not sure if it’s some sort of defence mechanism or biology taking over — despite being conscious throughout the whole process, I have mercifully been spared any memory of the accident whatsoever,” said Hinchcliffe.

It wasn’t until he’d been moved from ICU several days later and family members recounted their experiences from that day that Hinchcliffe realized “just how serious the injuries were and how very close it was to being a different story.

He’s watched, multiple times, the video of the wreck, which began with a spin that led to a hard crash into the Indianapolis Motor Speedway wall.

“It’s fascinating and terrifying all at the same time,” he said. “I still have a lot of questions about the day because I don’t remember it. I’m the luckiest unlucky guy.”

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- 1 ½ tsp minced garlic
- 6 fresh corn cobs or 6 cups canned corn
- 2 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- ¼ cup 2 per cent evaporated milk
- Salt and pepper
- ⅓ cup frozen green peas, defrosted and slightly mashed
- 6 cooked baby cocktail shrimp (optional)

Directions
1. In a soup pan, heat oil and sauté onion and garlic until soft, about five minutes.
2. Meanwhile, with a sharp knife, slice kernels from corn. Add all but a half cup of the corn kernels to sautéed onions and cook for another three minutes.
3. Add stock, cover and simmer for five minutes. Place in food processor, add milk, salt and pepper and purée until smooth. Add back to soup pan, add remaining half cup corn and gently heat for two minutes, until corn is tender.
4. Place in bowls, garnish with peas and shrimp, if using.

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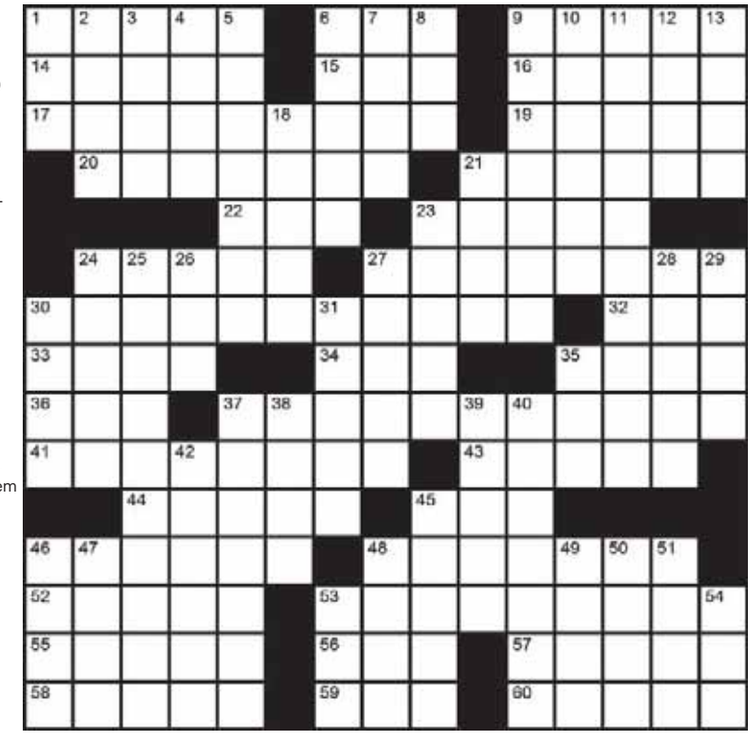

ACROSS
1. Word of __
6. Earth's blue ceiling
9. World __ _ _ (1939 to 1945)
14. Ms. Shire
15. Detectives, for short
16. __-garde
17. __ __ Before Serving (Direction on a beverage carton)
19. Gunpowder component
20. "The __" by The Irish Rovers
21. Sailor's tattoo
22. Dutch airline
23. 'P' of SVP
24. Viola music symbol, _ __
27. Puffins, for example
30. __ streets (Tourists can walk on them in Old Quebec)
32. Fair-hiring letters
33. Hostile-to-Hobbits humanoids
34. Hosiery hue
35. "Yahoo!" from ancient times
36. Alphabetic sequence
37. Crowbar or The Guess Who genre: 2 wds.
41. Canadian TV series of 1994 to 1999: 2 wds.
43. Singer Mr. Gibb
44. Middle, legal-style
45. Auction offer
46. Fortified like Old Quebec
48. Montreal __ (Since-1778 newspaper)
52. _ __ from the blue (Something unexpected)
53. Celine Dion is an impression by what "This Hour Has 22 Minutes" cast member?: 2 wds.
55. Go-Go's hit: "__ __ the Beat"
56. Function
57. Sports team leader
58. Solo
59. "__ better be!"
60. County in England

DOWN
1. Logan, et al.
2. Hawaiian island
3. __ Bator, Mongolia
4. Beach torch
5. Yukon: __ Hill, near Whitehorse, two wind turbines sit atop it
6. __ whale
7. Ceramics oven
8. Couture monogram
9. Spice Girls smash
10. Swedish DJ
11. __ Beach Provincial Park, on Vancouver Island
12. Obi accessory
13. Road of ancient Rome
18. Montcalm's 1759 Battle of Quebec opponent
21. Mr. Rickman
23. Toilers
24. Greek island
25. Crown corp. broadcaster's iconic symbol: 3 wds.
26. Weight numbers, for short
27. Hidden supply
28. Steve of FOX News
29. Look for
30. Undergrad
31. Express
35. Be off
37. Les Miserables character
38. Corb __, Canadian musician
39. Party island of Spain
40. Edmonton-born rapper, __ Weapon
42. Convince about an idea: 2 wds.
45. Stationed
46. Ontario: Canada Goose monument community
47. Genesis son
48. Wind blast
49. Boxing stats
50. Tetley products
51. 'Exist' suffix
53. Geneva's land, to FIFA
54. Wd. of gratitude

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You won't have to tell others what kind of mood you are in, they will know by the look on your face exactly what you are thinking and feeling. If they are smart they will give you what you desire — or stay out of your way!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Forget about material things and focus on the fun side of life. Yes, making money can be fun too but there are even better things you could be doing today. Someone you care for deeply needs some TLC.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a good time for social activities, so why not throw a party and invite all your friends. You may even get the chance to get back on good terms with someone you fell out with earlier in the year.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Why so cautious? Why so reluctant to take risks? Whatever the reason you need to get over it. There is some good news coming your way and by the weekend you won't be cautious at all — you may even be reckless.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Try not to upset someone who is way more powerful than you. If they don't like what you have to say they will almost certainly make life tough for you. You don't have to flatter them — just don't offend.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You need to impress someone important and give your reputation a boost. You may have left it late but it's never too late, so get your act together and make sure those above you know what you can do.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may not be able to explain how you reached a certain conclusion or answer but you know deep inside that it is right, so go with your instincts and don't let others persuade you to do something different.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Help will arrive just when you most need it today, so don't despair, even if the predicament you find yourself in makes it look as if there is no way out. You are being watched over by powers that won't let you come to harm.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Think back to what happened earlier in the year. Did you miss out on something because you were afraid to take a chance? If so, and if you regret it, you will soon get the opportunity to make amends.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Certain routines and methods have had their day and need to be replaced. Don't wait any longer. If you leave it too long the chance will pass you by and you could be stuck in the past forever.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
There is no point arguing with people whose opinions are so different to your own that there is no middle ground. On the other hand, the world would be a boring place if everyone agreed about everything.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Cosmic activity in the domestic area of your chart will help resolve differences of opinion that have dragged on too long. It's always a good idea to get along with those you live with – even more so those you love.

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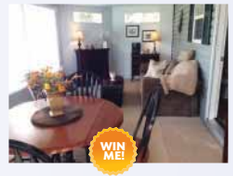

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